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Substance Abuse Among Women

Women in Kentucky are the #1 priority for treatment services

Upcoming Events

CAPTASA—1/25—
1/26/2008 at the Embassy
Suites in Lexington

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) asks persons aged 12 and older to report on their use of alcohol and other drugs. According to the report issued in October, 2007, most people who have a substance abuse problem do not receive treatment. The latest NSDUH data indicates that in 2006, 7.4 million women aged 18 and older needed treatment for a substance abuse problem but only 822,000 received treatment.

This report presents estimates of substance abuse treatment need, receipt of treatment, perceived need for treatment and reasons for not receiving

treatment among women of childbearing age. KY research indicates very similar findings.

According to the Kentucky Adult Household Survey conducted by the UK Center on Drug and Alcohol Research published in 2004, 111,574 women were estimated to need treatment for substance abuse. An estimated 12,595 indicated that they needed treatment but did not receive it. The percentage of women needing treatment has increased from 4.7% to 6/9% since the 1999 needs assessment.

The 2004 report can be found at <http://cdar.uky.edu/knap/>



A map to locate treatment services in Kentucky can be found at:

<http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhsas/DTX.asp>

or

Call the treatment hotline at 800-374-9146

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Many Women Don't Receive Needed Treatment

Of the women surveyed nationally, 84.2% indicated that they did not receive the treatment they needed. They indicated the following reasons:

- ♦ 34.4% did not have health insurance and could not afford to pay for treatment
- ♦ 28.9% indicated that they did not receive treatment because of the social stigma
- ♦ 13.2% did not know where or how to access treatment
- ♦ 2.7% of women did not believe that treatment would help them.